Caroline gives invited to be in town & pass the night Wednesday. We called then at the Lorings and asked them & then the C. Place folks. We saw at the Lorings the beautiful Vandyke given to the pair by J. C. Gore. It is really a lovely thing. Mrs Jonathan Phillips pays it it ought not to be sold a cent under $1000. Miss Hallowell Spent the afternoon with us & in the evening I went to hear Wendell Lecture at Belknap St. The house was a shameful thin one as there is a Revival going on among the col'd folks. He gave a good, useful lecture. Wednesday morning I called at C. Place & the afternoon our party assembled. In addition to Mamie Mary, Caroline, Mr & Mrs Loring, were Hervey, a Mr & Mrs Spurr half way transcendental Abolitionists, & Mary Robbins. We had a cozy time enough. Rogers who was in town & asked but he was at an Irish Repeal meeting. Dickens, & his dinner was the absorbing subject. Dickens is surprised at finding every thing so like England, society & all. The folks he goes among are the very folks who are imitating English society. He has been invited to 40 different houses & every minute of the time is occupied when not in company with trying to answer notes & letters. — Caroline stays here all night & we had a cozy time. — Thursday morning was a pouring rain. Nevertheless she left for Roxbury & we had a quiet still day here, nobody in till late in the afternoon when Bradburn & Rogers called. They were very agreeable & Henrietta asked them here to tea to night. Rogers will certainly come & Bradburn if he be in town. I got Promessi Sposi safe & will send Abby some of my Italian exercises the very minute I can, but as it is in a book, I must write the exercise first myself, but I will have it con tinually on my mind. I am very busy all the time for Henrietta is like Mrs Isaiah Thayer, she loves to be where there is a good deal going on, & we look about as you will see considerable. I met yesterday, no the day before

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Mrs Asa Webb & Mrs Alden at two separate times & promised to call upon them both which I shall do. Mrs Webb looked very sober. Jane is to be confined in March. Mrs Alden has lost every remnant of beauty. I have heard from home this morning. All are well & they want Henry to come down on Sunday. He is rather more comfortable I believe than he has been. There has been great talk about his going away & his Mother & Maria said every thing that was in their power, but he absolutely declined; I do not think he would go unless an angel should specially go from him that it would save his life. Maria's new gown, a striped lavender looks very handsome the one it here the other afternoon. Mary Mansfield is engaged to a young man named Patterson. She is going to be married & go to Paris for several, he being an agent for some dry goods house. Richard Tuckers estate has been rendered insolvent. Last night Elizabeth Peabody, (no night before last,) had a party at which Dickens was fully expected. It was one of her usual weekly conversations expanded into a party. But after the company were all assembled, came a note from Box, saying he was so worn out & exhausted by the preceding days dinner that he could not come. The same misfortune befell Mrs Page whom he was invited to dine that day. Tomorrow he is going to see the Warren St Chapel children, & as Hepworth & I think there is a hope he may address them, we shall go. The Chapel is little, but we are good pushers. — I have made up my mind to send this by Hatch & shall send with it, the patterns, drawings I mean, & your collar which I mean to catch Caroline long enough to buy for I cannot take these vast responsibilities. Mrs Loring came to me the other night & asked if I could not come & stay a day or two with her before I left town. I told her I should like to, so if she sends a definite

in return I shall go; be the matter how it will, I suppose I shall go home some time the latter part of next week. But I shall write you a few lines before I send this. With love to all yrs ever AWW.

Saturday Morning.

Dear D.

This letter went out to Weymouth yesterday afternoon for D to read, because I was so hurried I came in this morning - I could not scarcely get time to write to Le. Lucie went in town yesterday to go to Warren St in vain. It is all put off till June as Dickens could not have time to see the children & not others them. Rogers, Caroline, & Lucie took tea at Jennetta's last night. I am sorry for your being in difficulty about your cape or collar, but never set any body to buying such a thing again for it is a most vexatious piece of work to do. This morning I took Caroline & Lucie down to Brownells & there we bought the collar that accompanies this & the lace to trim it. C. thought that better than the collar all made up - I gave for the whole $1.75. I spent ~~the~~ part of the $5 you put in Mr for my white bonnet so I took of my annuity to pay this. I inclose a note of Aunt Mary's to me which is containing their State under their own hand & seal you may like. I hope you will like the collar - I send to your gown & the dressings. The Marks are going to Northampton to the Adams community I believe. Henry I think very poorly, but I do not know what to do for him. I advise him to have a Homoepathic doctor here in town. Write & my next will come by mail I hope. Yrs ever AWW.

pencil drawings of which you
must be very careful as they are
not mine but as they are
pretty good drawings I thought they
might be useful to you
in love Caroline M.

Miss Deborah Weston.

J. B. Beane Esq.

New Bedford.

Hatch's Express.

Dear Deborah I send you a few
things in the way of copies
which may serve your present
needs - you [illegible] with [illegible]

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